Horoscopy across Civilizations
Comparative Approaches to Western, Indian, and Chinese Astrology and Chronomancy

With this workshop, the IKGF Erlangen establishes the first academic forum ever for the direct comparison, across the boundaries of epochs and civilizations, of horoscopic, i.e. time-based methods to predict and explain individual fate. The workshop will provide an opportunity for experts in the various fields to reflect on the relationship of horoscopy and divination in the astrological and chronomantical teachings of China, India, and the Western World. The different methods will first be characterized and compared theoretically and then be elucidated through transcultural, multiperspective analyses of practical examples. Complementary papers will focus on the role of astrology in today’s world and on the relationship of science and divinatory practice.

June 29, 2016 + June 30, 2016 (closed think tank meeting)
IKGF Seminar Room, Building D1 (Hartmannstraße 14, 91052 Erlangen)
Please register until June 22, 2016 via our website www.ikgf.fau.de
Wednesday, June 29, 2016

9:30 a.m. Welcome Address and Introduction
Michael Lackner (IKGF Erlangen)
Stephan Heilen (University of Osnabrück, IKGF Erlangen)

PANEL I: ASTROLOGY IN THE WESTERN WORLD

9:45 a.m. Astrology in European Antiquity
Stephan Heilen (University of Osnabrück, IKGF Erlangen)

10:30 a.m. Coffee Break

11:00 a.m. Astrology in the Middle Ages and in the Early Modern Period
Darrel Rutkin (University of Sydney)

11:45 a.m. Contemporary Western Astrology
Dorian Greenbaum (University of Wales Trinity Saint David)

12:30 p.m. Lunch Break

PANEL II: ASTROLOGY AND CHRONOMANCY IN INDIA AND CHINA

2:00 p.m. Astrology in India
Martin Gansten (Lund University)

2:45 p.m. Horoscopy in China
Stéphanie Homola (Collège de France, Paris)

3:30 p.m. Coffee Break

PANEL III: CONTEMPORARY REFLECTIONS ON SCHOLARSHIP AND PRACTICE

4:00 p.m. Contemporary Astrology in Germany – Actors and Clientele
Gerhard Mayer (Institute of Frontier Areas of Psychology and Mental Health, Freiburg i. Br.)

4:45 p.m. Dilemmas of Divination – Bridging Theory, Practice, and Scholarship
Geoffrey Cornelius (Canterbury Christ Church University)

Thursday, June 30, 2016

9:00 a.m. Case I: Publius Aelius Hadrianus
(Presented by Stephan Heilen)
Nativity: 24 January 76 CE, 7:25 a. m., Rome, 41° 54' North, 12° 29' East
Historical Horoscope by Antigonus of Nicea

9:45 a.m. Case II: Zhu Xi
(Presented by Zhang Wenzhi, Shandong University)
Nativity: 25 October 1130 CE, 11-13 a.m., Youxi, 26° 17' North, 118° 19' East
Historical Horoscope by Yuan Shushan

10:30 a.m. Coffee Break

11:00 a.m. Case III: Angelo Poliziano
(Presented by Geoffrey Cornelius)
Nativity: 14 July 1454 CE, 13:28 p. m., Montepulciano, 43° 6' North, 11° 47' East
Historical Horoscope by Girolamo Cardano

11:45 a.m. Case IV: Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi
(Presented by Martin Gansten)
Nativity: 2 October 1869 CE, 7:45 a. m., Porbandar, 21° 38' North, 69° 36' East
Historical Horoscope by Bangalore Venkata Raman

12:30 p.m. Lunch Break

PANEL II: COMPARATIVE ANALYSES OF MODERN NATIVITIES

2:00 p.m. Case I: Mao Zedong
(Presented by Zhang Wenzhi)
Nativity: 26 December 1893, 7-9 a. m., Shaoshan, 27° 9' North, 112° 50' East

2:45 p.m. Case II: Donald Trump
(Presented by Dorian Greenbaum)
Nativity: 14 June 1946, 9-11 a. m., New York, 40° 42' North, 74° 00' West

3:30 p.m. Coffee Break

PANEL III: ELECTIONS

4:00 p.m. Case Study: Choosing the Best Date and Time for a Journey

PANEL IV: FINAL DISCUSSION

5:30 p.m. Final Discussion
Chair: Josefina Rodriguez Arribas (University of Münster)